

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6-10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19-23, 25, 27-31, 33-42, and 45-49 are pending in the present application.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 1, 6-10, 12-13, 15, 17, 19-21, 23, 25, 27, and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Comstock (U.S. Patent No. 6,704,769) in view of Da Palma (U.S. Patent No. 6,874,020), and further in view of Amini (U.S. Patent No. 6,698,021) and Timbol (U.S. Patent No. 6,237,135); Claims 22, 28-31, 33-34, 36-42, and 45-49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Comstock, Da Palma, Amini, and Timbol, and further in view of Ismael (U.S. Patent No. 6,061,721).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of Claim 1. Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, “each of the Management Beans being configured to perform a protocol conversion between a native protocol of one of the plural video teleconferencing devices and a management interface protocol used by the management adapter.” The cited references do not disclose or suggest this feature of Claim 1.

Page 5 of the outstanding Office Action relies upon Da Palma and Amini to describe the above-noted feature of Claim 1. Applicants respectfully traverse this position.

Da Palma states “the master agent can further include a JMX communications protocol adapter 313 for adapting communications between the interface and the manageable resources to a protocol specified by the interface.”¹ Da Palma does not disclose or suggest that the JMX communications protocol adapter is a “Management Bean.” On the contrary, Da Palma refers to several MBeans and distinguishes them from the JMX communications protocol adapter.

¹ Da Palma, col. 9, lines 56-61.

Furthermore, Claim 1 states “each Management Bean” is configured to perform a protocol conversion. Thus, each Management Bean representing a video teleconference device,² is configured to perform a protocol conversion. Da Palma does not disclose or suggest that mBeans 315 perform a protocol conversion. The JMX communication protocol adapter is not a Management Bean.

Applicants respectfully submit that Da Palma does not disclose or suggest Management Beans that perform the protocol conversion described in Claim 1.

It appears that the Office relies upon Amini to describe using video equipment in a Java applet program. Amini is not relied upon to describe a Management Bean configured to perform a protocol conversion. Amini does not disclose or suggest that each Management Bean performs a protocol conversion as described in Claim 1.

Furthermore, Comstock, Timbol, and Ismael have been considered, but do not cure the above-noted deficiencies of Da Palma and Amini.

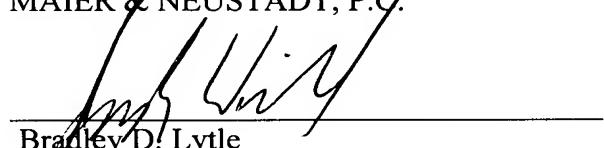
In view of the above-noted discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claim 1 (and any claims dependent thereon) patentably distinguish over Comstock, Da Palma, Amini, and Timbol, taken alone or in proper combination. Claims 15, 20, 25, 27, 36, and 45 recite elements similar to those of Claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 15, 20, 25, 27, 36, and 45 (and any claims dependent thereon) patentably distinguish over Comstock and Da Palma, taken alone or in proper combination, for at least the reasons stated for Claim 1.

² See Applicants’ Claim 1, which recites “representing the plural teleconferencing devices as Management Beans.”

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

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